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SUBJ: SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT PRESS STATEMENT ISSUED AT CONCLUSION
OF VISIT BY PRESIDENT SUHARTO

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1. THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT PRESS STATEMENT
RELEASED ON NOVEMBER 29 AFTER PRESIDENT SUHARTO AND HIS PARTY
LEFT SINGAPORE.

2. BEGIN QUOTE. AT THE INVITATION OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF SINGA-
PORE, MR. LEE KUAN YEW, THE PRESIDENT OF INDONESIA, MR.
SUHARTO PAID AN INFORMAL VISIT TO SINGAPORE ON 29 NOVEMBER 1976.

3. PRESIDENT SUHARTO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY PROFESSOR WIDJOJO
NITISASTRO, MINISTER OF STATE FOR ECONOMICS, FINANCIAL AND
INDUSTRIAL AFFAIRS; MR. SUDHARMONO, MINISTER/STATE SECRETARY
AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS.

4. PRESIDENT SUHARTO PAID A COURTESY CALL ON THE PRESIDENT OF
SINGAPORE, DR. B.H. SHEARES.

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5. PRESIDENT SUHARTO AND PRIME MINISTER LEE KUAN YEW HELD DISCUSSIONS ON BILATERAL AND ASEAN COOPERATION AS WELL AS INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS. THEIR MINISTERS AND SENIOR OFFICIALS ALSO HELD SIMILAR DISCUSSIONS.

6. PRESIDENT SUHARTO AND PRIME MINISTER LEE KUAN YEW AGREED THAT TO STRENGTHEN BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS, INDONESIA AND SINGAPORE WOULD COOPERATE CLOSELY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF BATAM ISLAND. IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT BOTH COUNTRIES WOULD PROMOTE FURTHER COOPERATION IN TRADE, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SUBMARINE TELECOMMUNICATION LINK AND THE PROVISIONS OF FINANCIAL AND PROCUREMENT SUPPORT FOR PURCHASE OF SHIPS.

7. PRESIDENT SUHARTO AND PRIME MINISTER LEE KUAN YEW EMPHASIZED THE URGENCY TO ACCELERATE ASEAN COOPERATION AGREED UPON AT THE BALI SUMMIT. IN FURTHERANCE OF THIS, THEY AGREED ON MEASURES TO EXPAND INTRA-ASEAN TRADE THROUGH PREFERENTIAL TRADING ARRANGEMENTS, EXPEDITE REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BY ESTABLISHING MORE ASEAN INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS THROUGH MORE REGULAR COORDINATION AND CONSULTATIONS AMONG MEMBER STATES, AND TO ENCOURAGE GREATER INVESTMENTS AMONG MEMBER STATES BY CONCLUDING INVESTMENT GUARANTEE AND THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBLE TAXATION AGREEMENTS.

8. PRESIDENT SUHARTO AND PRIME MINISTER LEE KUAN YEW REITERATED THE DESIRE OF ASEAN TO PROMOTE COOPERATIVE RELATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CALLED ON THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO ADOPT POLICIES WHICH WOULD ENCOURAGE THE FLOW OF INVESTMENTS INTO ASEAN AND EXPANSION OF TRADE BETWEEN ASEAN AND THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. IT WAS AGREED THAT ASEAN SHOULD MAKE A JOINT APPROACH TO THE UNITED STATES TO PRESERVE THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF TAX DEFERRAL FOR AMERICAN INVESTMENTS IN ASEAN.

9. PRESIDENT SUHARTO AND PRIME MINISTER LEE KUAN YEW EXCHANGED VIEWS ON REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS AND AGREED THAT A STABLE AND PROSPEROUS SOUTHEAST ASIA WOULD BE A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO WORLD PEACE. THEY CALLED ON MEMBER STATES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND OTHER STATES TO DEVELOP MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONS IN THE SPIRIT OF MUTUAL RESPECT AND UNDERSTANDING.

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10. THE TALKS WERE HELD IN A FRANK AND FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE.

11. PRESIDENT SUHARTO EXPRESSED HIS THANKS AND APPRECIATION FOR THE WARM AND CORDIAL RECEPTION BY THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF SINGAPORE. END QUOTE.

12. EMBASSY COMMENT SEPTTEL. HOLDRIDGE

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